

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Katsuyoshi NAKATSUKASA et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2007, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.